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EXTENSION OF THE USSR'S OCTOBER REVOLUTION

1. SUMMARY: IN AN OBSEQUIOUS AND EFFUSIVE SPEECH COMMEMORATING THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE "GREAT OCTOBER REVOLUTION" OF THE USSR, HAFIZULLAH AMIN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, AND SECOND-RANKING LEADER OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN (PDPA), DECLARED THAT AFGHANISTAN'S APRIL 27 REVOLUTION IS "THE CONTINUATION OF THE PATH OF THE GREAT OCTOBER REVOLUTION." AMIN ALSO STRESSED AFGHANISTAN'S NEW IDENTIFICATION THROUGH "INTERNATIONALISM" WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THE WORLD'S WORKING CLASSES. END OF SUMMARY.

2. ADDRESSING A MEETING OF THE AFGHAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY ON
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NOVEMBER 7, AFGHANISTAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN OPENED HIS

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SPEECH (ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL "KABUL TIMES" TRANSLATION OF NOVEMBER 8) WITH A SPECIAL SALUTATION TO "COMRADE-IN-ARMS DR. SHAH WALI, SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO." THIS SPECIAL MENTION CLEARLY IDENTIFIED WALI, MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ACTING MINISTER OF PLANNING, AS THE THIRD-RANKING MEMBER OF THE PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT.

3. DISCUSSING THE HISTORY OF THE USSR'S OCTOBER REVOLUTION, AMIN NOTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS EVENTS IN HISTORY WHICH HAVE AFFECTED THE SOCIAL, MATERIAL, AND MORAL LIFE OF MANKIND. HE OBSERVED THAT, "AS FAR AS THE INFLUENCE OF THESE EVENTS IN THE DESTINY OF THE CIVILIZATION OF MANKIND IS CONCERNED, NO EVENT IS COMPARABLE TO THE GREAT OCTOBER REVOLUTION." AMIN WENT ON TO PRAISE "THE GREAT LENIN," DESCRIBING AS "MIRACULOUS" THE LATTER'S LEADERSHIP WHICH "SMASHED THE DREAMS OF IMPERIALIST AND CAPITALIST THEORISTS AND DEALT A FATAL BLOW TO CHAUVINISM AND NARROWMINDED AND REACTIONARY NATIONALISM." IN THIS CONNECTION, AMIN OBSERVED THAT THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN ARE "ALSO A CONTINUATION OF THE IDEAS OF GREAT OCTOBER REVOLUTION."

4. SPEAKING ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE SOVIET REVOLUTION, AMIN NOTED THAT "INTERNATIONALISM AND THE THEORY OF MARXISM AND LENINISM ARE INSEPARABLE." HE MADE REFERENCE TO "... THE SOLIDARITY OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AND THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WHICH ARE EVER GROWING." AMIN FURTHER STATED, "THE WORLD PROLETARIAN MOVEMENT, THE VANGUARD OF STRUGGLE OF ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, HAS BEEN PROVED TO BE THE MOST POWERFUL REVOLUTIONARY AND POLITICAL FORCE IN THE WORLD." HE CONTINUED, "TODAY, THE GREATEST REVOLUTIONARY FORCES WHICH CONTINUE THE GAINS AND VICTORIES OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION AND GREASE THE WHEEL OF WORLD REVOLUTION ARE THOSE OF THE WORLD SOCIALIST SYSTEM, THE WORLD PROLETARIAN MOVEMENT, AND

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THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD." TAKING THESE VIEWS INTO CONSIDERATION, AMIN ADVISED "... WE OUGHT TO START ALONG THE PATH OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION FOR THE SAKE OF IMPLEMENTING THE DUTIES OF INTERNATIONALISM IN THE WORLD, AND SEEK WAYS AND MEANS (TO ACCOMPLISH THIS) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF EACH COUNTRY. UNDER THE PRESENT WORLD CONDITIONS AND THE CONTEMPORARY ERA, THE MAJOR DUTY OF INTERNATIONALISM OF ALL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS OF THE WORLD IS TOTAL UNITY WITHIN A UNIFIED MOVEMENT AGAINST IMPERIALISM." AMIN THEN SUMMARIZED HIS VIEWS OF "INTERNATIONALISM:"

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--"INTERNATIONALISM IS THE MOST IMPORTANT CONDITION FOR THE DEFENSE OF PEACE AND THE CONSCIOUS STRUGGLE AGAINST WAR AND DANGER EMANATING FROM IMPERIALISM.

--"INTERNATIONALISM IS A COMPULSORY CONDITION FOR BUILDING A SOCIALIST SOCIETY IN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE PROLETARIAN ORDERS.

--"INTERNATIONALISM REFLECTS THE REALITY OF THE SOLIDARITY OF THE PEOPLES OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD PROLETARIATS WITH THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

--"INTERNATIONALISM IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE FOR THE IDEOLOGICAL EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE OF ALL COUNTRIES.

--"FINALLY, INTERNATIONALISM IS THE VITAL CONDITION FOR THE VICTORY OF THE PROLETARIAT IN THE COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF IMPERIALISM."

5. GOING BACK TO THE TIME OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION, AMIN RECALLED THAT "THE GREAT LENIN HAD EXPECTED THAT AFGHANISTAN WOULD BE THE CENTER FOR THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES." HE ALSO NOTED THAT, "WITH THE GROWTH AND CONSOLIDATION OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF AFGHANISTAN AND THE SOVIET UNION AND THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT AMONG THE PUSHTUN AND BALUCHI PEOPLE TO ENSURE THEIR FATHERLAND, THAT IS, DEAR AFGHANISTAN..." AFGHANISTAN'S FLEDGLING LIBERATION MOVEMENT WAS EVENTUALLY BETRAYED BY "BRITISH IMPERIALISM" AND THE "TREACHEROUS NADER FAMILY."

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6. RETURNING TO THE THEME OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN'S "GLORIOUS SAUR REVOLUTION" OF APRIL 27 AND ITS SOVIET PREDECESSOR, AMIN AGAIN DECLARED, "THE GLORIOUS SAUR REVOLUTION IS THE CONTINUATION OF THE PATH OF THE GREAT OCTOBER REVOLUTION." QUOTING AFGHANISTAN'S PRESIDENT NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI (CALLING HIM, INCIDENTALLY, "COMRADE," A PARTY TITLE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN USED MUCH IN THE AFGHAN PRESS SINCE THE LATE SEPTEMBER), AMIN ADDED: "OUR REVOLUTION IS PART OF THE WORLD PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONS." A FURTHER IDENTIFICATION AMIN SAW WITH THE SOVIET REVOLUTION WAS "...CONTRARY TO ALL PREVIOUS POLITICAL CHANGES IN AFGHANISTAN, THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT TRANSFERRED FROM A STRATUM OR GROUP OR ELEMENT OF A RULING CLASS INTO ANOTHER STRATUM, GROUP, OR CLASS, BUT FROM THE EXPLOITING STRATUM AND CLASSES TO THE WORKING CLASS REPRESENTED BY THE POPA, THE VANGUARD OF THE WORKING CLASS OF THE COUNTRY, AND DEFENDER OF ALL THE INTERESTS OF THE TOILERS OF AFGHANISTAN." A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE AMIN NOTED BETWEEN
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THE SOVIET AND AFGHAN REVOLUTIONS WAS THAT THE LATTER HAD "TRUMPHEED AT A TIME WHEN THE FEUDALISTIC ECONOMY AND SOCIAL ORDER WAS TOTALLY

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PRE-DOMINANT;" THEREFORE, WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KHALQI ORDER, THE AFGHAN PEOPLE "LEAVE BEHIND THE FEUDALIST ERA WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH THE MISERABLE PERIOD OF CAPITALISM, AND MOVE FORWARD TOWARD THE BUILDING OF A SOCIALIST SOCIETY."

7. AMIN SEES THE AFGHAN REVOLUTION INSPIRING FREEDOM MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SIMILAR CONDITIONS TO AFGHANISTAN'S. HE SEES AFGHANISTAN PLAYING ITS ROLE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE GREAT LENIN."

8. ECHOING A PHRASE USED FREQUENTLY RECENTLY BY OTHER KHALQI SPEAKERS, AMIN DECLARED THAT AFGHANISTAN IS MOVING FORWARD TOWARD THE BUILDING OF A SOCIETY BASED UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF "TO (SIC) EVERYBODY ACCORDING TO HIS TALENT, AND TO EVERYBODY ACCORDING TO HIS NEED." (THE INITIAL WORD USED BY KHALQI IDEOLOGUES IS ALWAYS "TO" OR "FOR"-- NEVER "FROM.")

9. REFERRING TO AFGHANISTAN'S FOREIGN POLICY, AMIN STATED THAT "...IT CONTINUOUSLY AND SERIOUSLY FOLLOWS THE POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES PURSUING DIFFERENT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS AND RENDERS RESPECT TO THE DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ENDEAVORS TO IMPLEMENT THEM."

10. ALTHOUGH AMIN AVOIDED ANY SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION OF THE "BLACK REACTIONARY," "LEFT EXTREMIST," AND "IMPERIALIST" FORCES WHO ARE "CONTINUOUSLY LEADING AND FINANCING THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR ENEMIES," HE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN REFERRING AT LEAST TO PAKISTAN, WHICH THE KHALQI LEADERSHIP HAS FREQUENTLY CRITICIZED IN THE PAST FOR NOT DOING ENOUGH TO PREVENT ANTI-AFGHAN ACTIVITIES FROM

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BEING LAUNCHED FROM ITS TERRITORY. AMIN IN THIS CONNECTION STATED, "BUT FOR THE SAKE OF PEACEFUL, FRIENDLY RELATIONS, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT OUR PUSHTUN AND BALUCHI BRETHREN HAVE WARMLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED OUR GREAT SAUR REVOLUTION, AND THEY CONSIDER ITS FRIEND AS THEIRS AND ITS ENEMY AS THEIRS -- AND ARE STANDING WITH ALL HEROISM AND BRAVENESS AGAINST ALL CONSPIRATORS, WE HAVE ALWAYS WANTED THE SOLUTION OF THEIR NATIONAL ISSUE THROUGH HONEST TALKS WITH PAKISTAN, IN A FRIENDLY AND SINCERE ATMOSPHERE."

11. NOTING THAT "THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN,

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IN CONTINUATION OF THE PATH OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION AS REGARDS WORLD PEACE AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAYING OF MARK THAT THE WORKING CLASS SHOULD PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT THEY AS AN INDEPENDENT FORCE CAN ENTER THE ARENA OF HISTORY, AMIN NOTED THE NEED FOR UNITY IN THE "DECISIVE STRUGGLE AGAINST RIGHT AND LEFT REVISIONISM," STATING THAT THIS HAS "BECOME A VITAL NECESSITY." AMIN CONCLUDED HIS SPEECH WITH THE FOLLOWING SLOGANS:
--"VICTORY TO THE CONCEPTS OF THE GREAT OCTOBER REVOLUTION*
--"VICTORY TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE VICTORIOUS SAUR REVOLUTION, THE TRUE CONTINUATION OF THE GREAT OCTOBER REVOLUTION*
--"VICTORY TO THE FOLLOWERS OF THE PATH OF THE GREAT OCTOBER REVOLUTION*"

12. COMMENT: THIS SPEECH CLEARLY IDENTIFIES THE AFGHAN REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT WITH THAT OF ITS NORTHERN NEIGHBOR, AT LEAST IN THE MINDS OF THE KHALQI LEADERSHIP, THROUGH TAKING OFF THE WRAPS WHICH SINCE THE APRIL 27 REVOLUTION HAVE DISGUISED THE TRUE NATURE OF THE KHALQI REGIME IN AFGHANISTAN DOMESTICALLY, AMIN HAS CLEARLY OFFENDED MANY AFGHANS BY OPENLY DECLARING THEIR STATE TO BE SOCIALIST, AND BY APPEARING TO TOADY TO THE SOVIETS.
WE ARE NOT YET CERTAIN WHY AMIN, AND PRESUMABLY THE POLITBURO AS WELL, FELT IT NECESSARY TO MAKE SUCH STRONG STATEMENTS OF AFFINITY FOR THE SOVIET SYSTEM AT THIS TIME. PERHAPS THE KHALQI LEADERS, BESET BY INSURRECTION IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY
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AND FACING OTHER SERIOUS DOMESTIC CHALLENGES, FELT IT NECESSARY TO LOCK THE SOVIETS INTO A CLOSER PUBLIC ASSOCIATION WITH THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO ENSURE MOSCOW'S CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN WHETHER THE SOVIETS THEMSELVES NECESSARILY FIND THIS IDENTIFICATION COMFORTABLE OR CONVENIENT AT A TIME WHEN THEY STILL APPEAR TO BE TRYING TO MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE HERE.
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